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REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1893.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES JANUARY 10TH, 1894.

To the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden:

The financial condition of the Trust is most encouraging. The receipts for rentals for the year, while not showing the increase anticipated in the last report, owing to several vacancies which existed throughout almost the entire year, show an increase over the previous year of $3,000, owing to increased rentals in certain localities.

The properties have been kept in good repair, and in some cases extensive improvements have been made, and nearly all are tenanted.

Much of the real estate located near the Garden cannot be utilized in the manner indicated in Mr. Shaw's will, and by reason of increased taxation has become a heavy burden, in some instances a great drain, upon the revenue of the Trust, and steps should be taken towards securing additional income from it.

The Garden has been kept up in good condition, repairs made to buildings, and large additions to the collection of plants, herbarium and library, both by purchase, exchange and donation. For details you are referred to the Director's annual report.

After paying due regard to the special annual bequests in Mr. Shaw's will, paying all necessary expenses of carrying on the Trust and providing for the Garden, we are enabled to carry forward as a surplus for the year the sum of $14,649.75.

IN THE ARBORETUM.

We have also added to the value of the Library, Herbarium and Garden, the following sums, which have been credited to the Stock Account, which now aggregates $1,471,696.14.

Library	$4,118 52
Herbarium	1,941 70
Garden, for furniture for Library	255 37
Total	$6,315 59

For a full and detailed account of the receipts and expenditures you are referred to the following statement: —

RECEIPTS.

Rents	$92,189 74	
Garden, pasturage and sales	769 57	
Interest, cash discount on taxes	353 66	
Garden hand-book sales	103 45	
Publications	21 35	
Loss by fire to buildings	1,289 02	94,726 79
Cash Balance January 1st, 1893		25,894 57
Total		$120,621 36

EXPENDITURES.

Garden Account —		
Labor, including garden pupils	$15,537 70	
Fuel	1,487 00	
Stable and implements	598 18	
Repairs and supplies	2,371 45	
Scholarship, care of lodge and supplies	560 11	
Plants and seeds	618 35	
Herbarium	1,418 41	
Library, books, subscriptions, etc	4,443 52	
Garden Office, salaries, supplies, etc	4,609 06	$31,643 78
Garden Improvements —		
Furnishing Library	255 37	255 37
Publication Account —		
Annual volumes	2,272 09	
Garden hand-book	892 10	3,164 19
Property Expenses —		
Commissions for collecting rents	3,035 95	
Taxes, State, school, city and sprinkling	21,346 04	
Streets, pavements and sewers	2,429 96	
Insurance	4,216 80	
Repairs	5,088 66	36,117 41
Office Account —		
Office salaries	2,500 00	
Rent of office	540 00	
Printing, postage and telephone	324 75	3,364 75
Sundry Accounts —		
Legal expenses	665 95	
Repairs to buildings damaged by fire	1,288 18	1,954 13
Bequests, Annual —		
Premiums to flower show	400 00	
Flower sermon	200 00	
Trustees' banquet	969 55	
Gardeners' banquet	318 50	
Washington University	1,583 93	3,471 98
Investment		25,000 00
Cash on hand December 31st, 1893		15,649 75
		$120,621 36

The books of the Board have been closed after showing the operations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1893, and the receipts have been disposed as follows:—

Rent account		$92,189 74
Interest		353 66
Loss by fire and repairs to same		84
		$92,544 24

CONTRA.

Garden expenses	$30,874 21	
Office expenses	3,364 75	
Commission	3,035 95	
Repairs	5,088 66	
Insurance	4,216 80	
Taxes	21,346 04	
Street pavements and sewers	2,429 96	
Legal expenses	665 95	
Washington University	1,583 93	
Flower sermon	200 00	
Trustees' banquet	969 55	
Gardeners' banquet	318 50	
Premiums at flower show	400 00	
Publications	2,250 74	
Garden improvements	255 37	
Garden hand-book	788 65	
	$77,789 06	
Surplus for 1893	14,755 18	
	$92,544 24	$92,544 24

Surplus to January 1, 1893	23,561 59
Add amount due to stock account for sales, 1892	2,332 98
Surplus for 1893	14,755 18
Total surplus December 31, 1893	$40,649 75

Respectfully submitted,

Attest, R. J. LACKLAND, *President.*

A. D. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary.*